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Constellation Brands U.S. Operations, Inc.,

Opposer

Opposition No. 91245800

v.

The Vineyard House LLC

Marks: HENRY WALKER CRABB

HENRY WALKER (H.W.) CRABB

HENRY WALKER (H.W.)

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Applicant H.W. CRABB

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APPLICANT'S REPLY TO OPPOSER'S MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS WITH CONSENT

On May 10, 2019, Opposer, Constellation Brands, U.S. Operations, Inc. filed a "Consent Motion for Suspension in View of Civil Proceeding," stating that the motion was being filed with consent of Applicant. Applicant has <u>not</u> provided consent for this Motion and had specifically informed opposing counsel that it was not providing such consent. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of email correspondence between the parties whereby Applicant specifically notes that it will not provide its consent to suspend the instant proceeding.

On February 13, 2019, Applicant filed a Motion to Dismiss the instant opposition on the basis that Opposer has failed to state priority and likelihood of confusion, has failed to state a claim of fraud, did not plead fraud with particularity, and did not allege detailed facts regarding Applicant's alleged lack of bona fide intent to use. On March 5, 2019, Opposer filed a Response to Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss. Applicant filed a response to Opposer's Response on March 25, 2019. The Motion to Dismiss has yet to be reviewed and decided by the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Opposer has no basis to request suspension of the instant proceeding as Applicant did not

provide its consent to the supposed "consented" motion filed by Opposer on May 10, 2019. In

addition, Opposer has no basis for the suspension given that the civil action referenced in

Opposer's Motion does not include the marks that are the subject of this opposition. Therefore,

Applicant respectfully requests that the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board deny Opposer's

request to suspend the proceedings based on the civil action and review Applicant's Motion to

Dismiss.

Applicant notes that this filing is not meant as a complete response to the Motion filed by

Opposer. This Motion is only meant to provide notice to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

that Applicant has not consented to the suspension. In the event that Opposer's suspension is

granted, Applicant would like to reserve the right to fully respond to Opposer's Motion as filed.

Date: May 13, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

/fbhatti/

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing <u>APPLICANT'S REPLY TO</u>

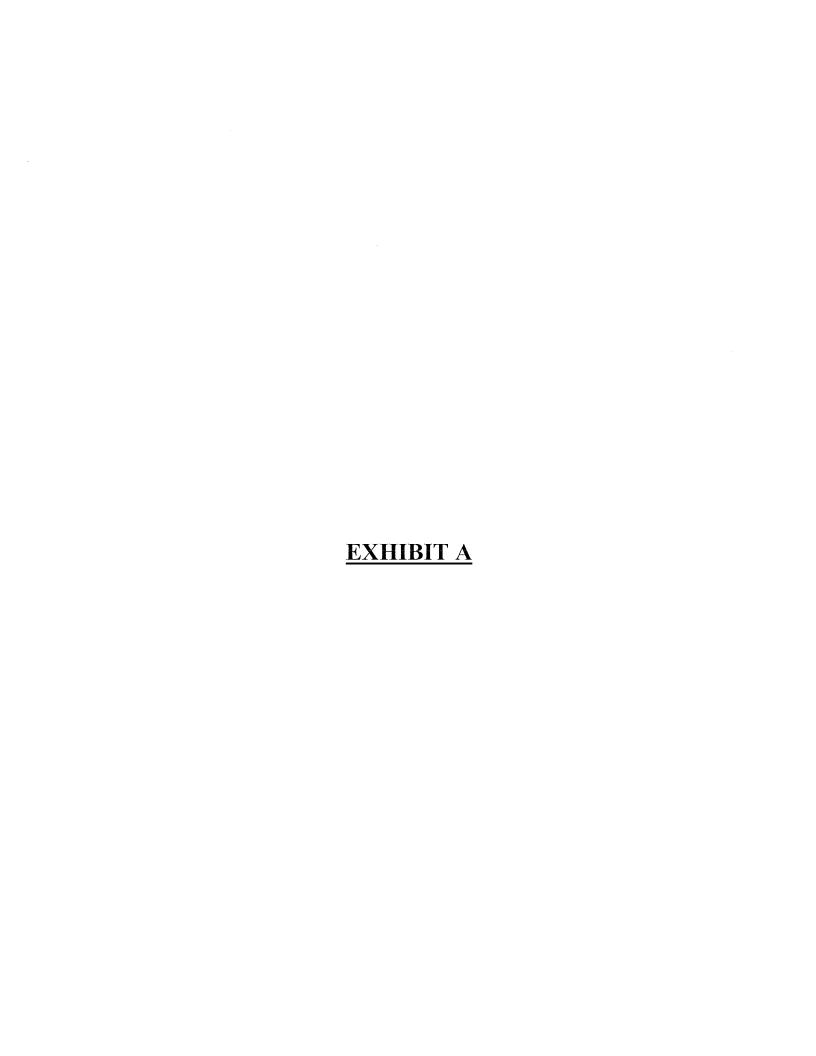
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Friday, April 26, 2019 1:51 PM

To: Cc:

Bhatti, Farah P.; Meeks, Michael L. Brown, Destiny; ipdocket

Subject:

RE: Constellation Brands U.S. Operations, Inc. adv The Vineyard House, TTAB Nos.

91244082, 91244819, 91244817, 91245800, and 91246515

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Dear Ms. Bhatti:

Per your comments below, we will be filing consent motions to suspend Opposition Nos. 91244819 and 91244817 pending determination of the Civil Action. In addition, pursuant to the Board's Order at 9 TTABVUE in the '819 opposition and our client's motion at 6 TTABVUE in the '817 opposition, we will be informing the Board that the motion to dismiss in the '082 opposition was denied, thereby ending the suspension in the former and rendering our client's motion to dismiss moot in the latter.

Please confirm that you do not object to this course of action.

Best.

Ken

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From: Bhatti, Farah P. <fbhatti@Buchalter.com>

Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 12:54 PM

To: Wilton, Kenneth <KWilton@seyfarth.com>; Meeks, Michael L. <mmeeks@Buchalter.com>

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Subject: RE: Constellation Brands U.S. Operations, Inc. adv The Vineyard House, TTAB Nos. 91244082, 91244819,

91244817, 91245800, and 91246515

[EXT. Sender]

Dear Mr. Wilton:

We note the following oppositions are currently pending:

Opposition No.	Marks
91244082	THE BOSS
91244819	THE MIRACLE OF TO KALON
91244817	TO KALON 1886
91245800	HENRY WALKER CRABB
	HENRY WALKER (H.W.) CRABB
	HENRY WALKER (H.W.)
	HENRY WALKER
	H.W. CRABB
	HENRY W. CRABB
91246515	CRABB'S HALTER VALLEY OAKVILLE
	CRABB'S HALTER VALLEY
	HALTER VALLEY OAKVILLE
	HALTER VALLEY VINEYARD
	HALTER VALLEY VINEYARD OAKVILLE

While we agree that the pending litigation between the parties will have a bearing on the Oppositions relating to the TO KALON mark, specifically Opposition Nos. 91244817 and 91244819, we do not agree that the litigation will have a bearing on the remaining oppositions which do not include any TO KALON marks. The marks in the remaining oppositions, specifically, Opposition Nos. 91244082, 91245800 and 91246515 are for different marks which will have different facts, etc. and therefore should not be suspended pending the Northern District litigation.

While we agree to provide consent to suspend Opposition Nos. 91244819 and 91244817, we will not provide consent for the other oppositions and trust that you will not request suspension of the same.

Sincerely, Farah

Buchalter

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From: Wilton, Kenneth < KWilton@seyfarth.com>

Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 10:52 AM

To: Bhatti, Farah P. <fbhatti@Buchalter.com>; Meeks, Michael L. <mmeeks@Buchalter.com>

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Subject: Constellation Brands U.S. Operations, Inc. adv The Vineyard House, TTAB Nos. 91244082, 91244819, 91244817,

91245800, and 91246515

Dear Ms. Bhatti and Mr. Meeks:

As you are aware, we have substituted in as counsel of record for Constellation Brands U.S. Operations, Inc. in connection with the pending TTAB proceedings between CBUSOI and The Vineyard House referenced above.

We believe that the pending litigation between the parties in the Northern District -- The Vineyard House v. Constellation Brands U.S. Operations, Inc., Case No. 19-cv-01424 -- "may have a bearing on the Board case(s)" that are pending, and therefore intend to seek suspension of each of them. We are writing to ask if your client consents to such suspensions. If so, we can prepare and file Consent Motions in each of the proceedings.

If it is easier to discuss this live we are available this afternoon from noon - 2, and after 2:30.

Best.

Ken

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